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For: Method of Improving Viscosity Stability Upon Addition
of a Colorant Component Using Dispersing Resins

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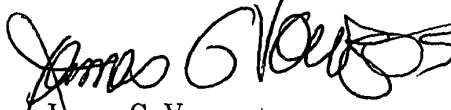
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/271,992 filed on February 28, 2001 and co-pending provisional application serial number 60/271,997 filed on February 28, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4). Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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This is a non-provisional application of prior pending U.S. provisional application serial number 60/271,992 filed on February 28, 2001 and prior pending U. S. provisional application serial number 60/271,997 filed on February 28, 2001.--

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